

COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

March 12, 2014

COUNCIL

Mark Anderson
Phyllis Hansell
Mark Peltan (absent)
Guy Richardson (absent)
Roberta Yoder
Kim Spading

EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

Representative Joel Fry (absent)
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)
Senator Jack Whitver (absent)

STAFF

Chuck Palmer
Sandy Knudsen
Jen Harbison
Jean Slaybaugh

Nancy Freudenberg
Wendy Rickman
Jennifer Vermeer
Ann Wiebers

GUESTS

Bill Nutty, Leading Age Iowa
Sara Allen, Iowa Hospital Association
Dennis Tibben, Iowa Medical Society
Nathan Peterson, UIHC
Mikki Stier, BMC

Mark Anderson, Vice-Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, in the first floor conference rooms of the Hoover Building.

ROLL CALL

All Council members were present with the exception of Pelton and Richardson.
All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

RULES

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council.

REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION

N-1 Amendments to Chapter 75, "Conditions of Eligibility," Medicaid. Implements changes to the HIPPA statute and eliminates a number of obsolete references.

N-2 Amendments to Chapter 77, "Conditions of Participation for Providers of Medical and Remedial Care," and Chapter 83, "Medicaid Waiver Services," Medicaid. Implements changes for care providers and members relating to services for the Brain Injury Waiver.

N-3 Amendments to Chapter 169, "Funding for Empowerment Areas," Child Care. Rescinds funding for Empowerment Areas as the result of legislative changes to the Early Childhood Iowa Program.

N-4 Amendments to Chapter 170, "Child Care Services," Child Care Assistance. Implements Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) changes based on newly released federal poverty levels.

A motion was made by Hansell to accept the Report of Noticed Action and seconded by Spading. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Medicaid

Jennifer Vermeer, Medicaid Director, reported that during the legislative session the Department has been updating several committees on the implementation of the Iowa Health and Wellness Program (IHWP).

- The enrollment in the IHWP currently totals over 78,000. Over 28,000 applications have been added over the last two months. That includes approximately 63,000 that are in the IHWP, 15,400 in the Market Place Choice Plan and 338 through hospital presumptive eligibility. The Department is pleased with the enrollment and growth so far.
- A recent webinar regarding the Medically Exempt process for providers was well attended. Of the 78,000 enrolled in IHWP, approximately 3,200 are designated Medically Exempt. 'Medically Exempt' are a group of individuals that cannot be mandated to enroll in the alternative benefit plan – they have to be provided the option of going into the regular Medicaid program.

- A health risk assessment tool will be available at the end of March.
- On April 1st, phase two of the Integrated Health Home (IHH) project will begin. IHH began in July of 2013 by using a phased approach. An IHH is available to adults with serious mental illness and children with a serious emotional disturbance. Iowa's IHH program is administered by Magellan Behavioral Health Care of Iowa, supported by IHH locations in different communities.
- Due to lengthy cost settlement issues, legislation has been proposed by an organization of Community Mental Health Centers to permit, as an option, to either utilize a cost report process or a fee schedule process for reimbursement.

Child Welfare

Wendy Rickman, Administrator, Division of Adult, Children and Family Services (ACFS) reported on the following:

- ACFS staff have conducted several presentations regarding 'Differential Response.' DHS started the 'Differential Response' system in January. The DHS Service Business Team is now receiving the first data as a result of that shift. For the most part, it has been a very successful implementation. Focus is currently being centered on the group that works with the drug endangered children initiative. If the DHS assesses children at moderate or high risk, DHS purchases a service to address it. The service being purchased is Community Care. The numbers of families receiving services were based on projections that DHS based on current referrals. More families are requesting the service than was originally anticipated, so a contractual adjustment will be made to accommodate more families. The Community Care contract is with Mid-Iowa Family Therapy. Rickman will provide the Council with staff/position qualification expectations under this contract.
- The Coalition for Children and Families continues to work with DHS regarding re-basing group care rates. Rates were set many years ago with few adjustments. DHS will review proposals for possible future budget requests.

General

Jen Harbison, Policy Advisor, reported:

- Of the three DHS legislative package initiatives offered to the legislature only the 'Child Support Court Ordered Payments' proposal may still be viable.

- The 2nd funnel deadline is approaching and the Department is closely monitoring bills relating to Consumer Directed Attendant Care (CDAC) and Elder Abuse.
- Focus will soon turn to the Health and Human Services appropriations bills. DHS also follows appropriation bills of other Departments like the Departments of Education and Administrative Services as they relate to infrastructure, etc.

Mental Health

Jean Slaybaugh, Administrator, Division of Fiscal Management reported:

- DHS's budget includes a significant amount of 'other' funds. There are approximately \$430M 'other' funds in the budget that are designated for specific purposes and include some federal sources. The most significant is the TANF block grant. In the Governor's budget the service delivery system is 'status quo' for administration and field. The Governor recommends the full amount requested for the Mental Health Institutions and Eldora State Training School, and that the Resource Centers receive a portion of the FMAP that DHS had requested be backfilled. Slaybaugh stated that, overall DHS was pleased with the Governor's proposed budget.
- Slaybaugh reviewed the history of county funding of mental health and disability services and the recent MHDS re-design. Counties no longer reimburse the State for the non-federal share of Medicaid services for MHDS. Slaybaugh reviewed a handout entitled "Mental Health & Disability Services Redesign Medicaid Offset" which addressed:
 - Equalization
 - Medicaid Offset
 - Iowa Health and Wellness Program Savings
 - Distribution Options
 - Estimated Impacts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Yoder to approve the February 12, 2014 minutes and seconded by Hansell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' UPDATE

Anderson reported that March 10th was 'Lutheran Day at the Hill' and the Family Investment Program (FIP) was a topic of discussion.

ELIGIBILITY GROUPS FOR MEDICAID

Ann Wiebers, Division of Adult, Children and Family Services, reviewed the following topics surrounding Medicaid eligibility.

- Main coverage groups
- Family-related coverage groups
- SSI related coverage groups
- Changes created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Financial eligibility
- Income/resources
- Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)

CHILDREN AT HOME PROGRAM

Wendy Rickman reviewed the Children At Home (CAH) Program. The program is a payer of last resort designed to assist families in securing services and supports to help children remain at home.

- the program began as a pilot in two sites – currently 20 counties are being served
- the program provides cash assistance to families of children with developmental disabilities
- the funds are provided on an as-needed basis and are distributed through agencies awarded CAH contracts
- in FY2013 571 children were served
- all funds are available from the Family Support Subsidy (FSS) appropriation

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Palmer gave the following report:

- The Governor appointed Alexa Heffernan of Cedar Falls, to the Council. She is currently awaiting confirmation from the Senate.
- The Department continues to monitor proposed legislation centered on re-opening the Toledo facility.
- Regarding the IHWP, there are approximate 23,000 Iowa applications still at the federal level with inaccuracies that the Department is reviewing – it is estimated that all but 8,000 are duplicates.
- DHS reported a data breach caused by two workers who used personal electronic devices for work purposes. The chances that confidential information was accessed is small, but the Department has notified all individuals affected by the breach and free credit monitoring has been offered.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

A motion was made by Yoder to adjourn and seconded by Hansell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Council adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by,



Sandy Knudsen
Recording Secretary

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